



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner

Greetings.

How we respond to unusual situations tells a lot about us. This is true both of individuals and organizations. As I announced at the March Gathering, the Church Council of Normandy United Methodist Church has decided that 2012 will be the last time that we can hold our July and August Walks there.

When we started having them at Normandy in 2011 there were concerns about how everything would work, but Normandy was willing to let us try. Now, as they look at the many ministries that they have, they have decided that the summer Walks just do not work for them. I certainly cannot blame them, and I am not upset. Greater Dayton Emmaus has a long relationship with Normandy, and they are a good partner for us. It is just these two Walks that don't fit in with their plans.

Now our Emmaus Community has an opportunity to venture out and find another location for our summer Walks beginning in 2013. We have a reasonable amount of time, and we have already appointed a committee to find a suitable location. Lou Caldwell is the chairman, and I have full confidence in his ability to lead the team.

We could have looked at this as a terrible situation, but instead we believe that God is nudging us in some new direction. He has different plans for us. We need to pray about this situation and ask for guidance to find the proper facility. This may be a church, but perhaps it won't. We are open to suggestions from the Community.

I know that a year from now, as we are preparing for the first Walk at whatever facility is decided upon, we will be thanking God for this new direction.

De Colores,  
Neal Stout

### HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
Centerville OH 45459  
[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

### 2012 EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

Women's Walk # 87 July 19—22  
Men's Walk #54 Aug. 16—19  
Women's Walk #88 Sept. 20—23

### CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight	8:30 PM	Saturday
Closing	4:30 PM	Sunday

### GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC	2nd Mon	7:15 PM
Dayton Board	4th Tues	7:00 PM

### TRAINING & ORIENTATION

#### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

**Date:** April 9, 2012 at 6:30

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Room #214

This is an open invitation for everyone to attend a 45-minute training session on sponsoring pilgrims. Come and learn the best methods suggested by the National Emmaus Board.

#### SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

**Date:** April 9, 2012 /6:15pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Chapel

This is a great opportunity for new members of the Community to get connected with a Share Group.

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

**But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24**

## SPONSORSHIP TRAINING



**Sponsorship Training - Why you need it!** As a sponsor, it's important to understand your role and responsibilities, which enhance your pilgrim's experience. Before sponsoring someone for a Walk, you are required to attend the sponsorship training. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before Gathering in Room 214 at Normandy Church. This is a short time of discussion, questions, and answers. Also, from The Emmaus Library, we have the Sponsorship booklet, which guides individuals through the process of sponsoring fellow pilgrims on the Walk to Emmaus. The authors explore the range of possibilities in the role of the sponsor for the renewal of church leaders, Emmaus communities, and the church. The booklet is available at Gatherings, and the cost is \$5.

## SHARE GROUPS

Share groups are the backbone of the Emmaus Community! There is a need to place a few ladies and gentlemen in share groups. If your share group is willing to consider new members, please contact me either through the web site at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) under the drop down menu for the Board, by phone 849-0353 or at the next Gathering. The next share group orientation and networking session will be at 6:15 just prior to the Gathering at Normandy Church on April 9. Sponsors, please bring your pilgrims to this session. If you have not attended a sponsorship training session, please do so at 6:30 at the top of the spiral staircase in room 214. Verna Drake, Good Shepherd Chair

## WILLING SERVANTS

Please remember to either update, or submit for the first time, your willing servant form. This is especially important for those of you who desire to serve on a live-in team (and hopefully, that is all of you!). The willing servant forms provide the basis for team candidate lists that are prayed over by the lay director for guidance from the Holy Spirit before forming the team. **MEN WE NEED YOUR FORMS.** You can submit a willing servant form online at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org), print a copy from the website and submit via the US mail service, or fill one out at Gathering. Please make sure your contact information is correct! If you have any questions about this process, please contact Brian Wood, Leadership Chair, at [leadership@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:leadership@daytonemmaus.org).

## COMMUNITY EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you have prayer concerns or would like to pray for other requests in the Dayton Community, please email ([bennercl@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:bennercl@notes.udayton.edu)) or call 937-879-2118. Please limit your requests to a serious/urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family. Also, if you are not receiving prayer chain messages and wish to do so, please call me to confirm/update your email **address**. Blessings to all who support the prayer ministry.

*De Colores, Charles Benner*





# From the Spiritual Director



## Spring Cleaning

***“Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order...” Isaiah 38:1b4***

Spring is here and with it comes the motivation to get rid of the clutter that has accumulated as we took to hibernation over the winter months. I must confess that I rarely engage in spring cleaning because I have a difficult time letting go of things. The things I rarely use or may be slightly worn (if worn at all) are difficult to depart with. These items have become a part of who I am and for some inexplicable reason, letting go of them is like losing a part of me. I know this may sound foolish to some but many people hang onto things that they simply do not need.

It reminds me of a scripture found in Isaiah 38 where Isaiah, the prophet, came and spoke to a man by the name of Hezekiah telling him what thus saith the Lord, “set thine house in order”. Isaiah told Hezekiah that he was going to die and that he needed to make sure he took care of the affairs of his house. I suspect if we were Hezekiah and we had just received a message such as this, we probably wouldn’t be the least bit interested in holding on to things. In fact, when Hezekiah received this message his concern was for his life. As he turned his face to the wall he began to pray calling out to the Lord. When the prophet Isaiah spoke to Hezekiah, I think it safe to say that Hezekiah was not concerned about things of material value.

This year as you begin your season of spring cleaning I pray that you not only get rid of the clutter in your home but that you also rid yourself of any clutter in your spirit that blocks you from being an example of a heart fully surrendered to Christ.

May this season be one of a fresh anointing that reaches down to the very core of your spirit refreshing your soul as you continue in discipleship to win others to Christ!

Mamie Johnson  
Spiritual Director

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

## FROM THE MEN'S REGISTRAR

To the Emmaus Community: Let God be your GPS, to seek out who He wants to go on an Emmaus Walk. There are so many guys that God is just waiting for us to ask to go on a walk, plant His seed. We just need to have a bigger net and remember to cast it. There are still openings for the August Men's Walk #54. Cast your nets and encourage someone to participate in this walk. ALL Walks will cost \$85.00. DeColores, Coley Logan, Men's Registrar [mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

## NOMINATIONS

**NOMINATIONS** The nominations committee is looking for people to run for board positions that will be up for election. The board positions that will be up for election in November are **Computer Administration, Newsletter, Supply Chair, Treasurer, Women's Registrar** and **Women's Worship**. Each of these is for a three year term that will begin January 1, 2013. Please see me or a current board member for details on the positions. Mentoring is available on all positions. The nominations for the board positions are due by September 15. If you are interested in serving the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community in any of these positions, or would like to nominate someone else, please contact me ([pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org)). Your Brother in Christ, Louis Caldwell, Nominations Chair

## FROM THE WORSHIP CHAIRS

If you have borrowed a Kandle Light and took it home for awhile, would you please return it to the next Gathering.? REMINDER, please bring your Kandle Lights to Candlelight on Saturdays. We do not have a large supply. THANK YOU for supporting each walk with your attendance. Do you like to sing, play piano or guitar?? We are in great need of willing servants to help lead music at Gatherings. De Colores, Linda Haller and Tim Macy

## DID YOU EVER????

Did you ever think about serving the Emmaus Community in a unique way? Why not ask Pam Shively, Linda Haller, Scott, Ansbach, and Karen DuBro just what they do to serve? You could find a new way to serve and have a lot of fun at the same time. We will be looking for you to talk to us.

## FROM THE WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

**Women's Walk #87, July 19-22, 2012. is FULL. WE ARE accepting applications for September Women's Walk #88. ALL walks will cost \$85.00.** We encourage new and seasoned sponsors to take the Sponsorship Training session offered by our board members. Please see the front of this newsletter for information on the next session. *The Mission of Walk to Emmaus is empowering leaders through Emmaus & Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ!* Please send your pilgrim's fully completed application to: Women's Registrar, Greater Dayton Emmaus, P.O. Box 292224, Dayton, Ohio 45429. Please contact me if you have questions, Pam Shively at 937-681-3361 or [womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. *1 Peter 4:10*

## ATTENTION PLEASE

### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS Greater Dayton Emmaus Community (Revised October 2010)

#### ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one (1) month in advance for consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by three-fourths (3/4) vote, they will be circulated to the membership by the Community Newsletter. If no petitions are signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members objecting to them, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received, the amendments will be considered voided. If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote, it may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will then decide the matter.

Sections To Be Amended:

ARTICLE IV: Board of Directors

Section 2. Composition

DELETE: Christ Church Representative

Section 3. Terms of Office

Class 2

DELETE: Christ Church Representative

Effective Date:

These amendments will be effective within sixty (60) days after being published in the Emmaus Newsletter providing that no objections have been received by the Emmaus Board of Directors.

## HOUSING

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming walk weekends:

**Wednesday 5:30pm (set up)**

**Thursday 5:30pm (luggage)**

**Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown) 4:00pm (conference room tear down)**

Look for more details on the website. Please contact me if you have questions about serving on Housing Team  
DeColores, Dennis Leach Housing Chair

## KITCHEN HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Another Walk will be here before you know it! We can use all the help we can get in the kitchen. Fridays are the biggest need at this time. Please sign up to help for the July Women's Walk. Remember, **NO COOKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Just show up at the designated serving time and the kitchen manager will assist you. Sign-up sheets are at Gatherings or you can sign up on line. De Colores, Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair


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you eat or drink,  
or whatever you  
do, do it for the  
glory of God.”**

**I Corinthians 10:31**



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